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West Bengal News

<p><b>Sagar Kavach</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Coast Guard District Headquarters (West Bengal), Haldia, under the aegis of Headquarters Coast Guard Region (North East) conducted the joint coastal exercise '<b>Sagar Kavach</b>' to enhance coastal security.</li><li>The exercise, held on <b>February 28 and 29</b>, aimed to assess threats from the sea under current geopolitical conditions.</li></ul>
<p><b>Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Niladri Kumar, a maestro of the sitar</b>, is honored with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar for 2023 by the Ministry of Culture.</li></ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>This prestigious award recognizes his significant contributions to creative and <b>experimental music</b>, marking a high point in his illustrious career.</li><li>Kumar had previously received the <b>Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar from the Sangeet Natak Akademi in 2007</b>, adding to his list of accolades.</li><li>He has also worked in major Bollywood films like 'Bunty Aur Babli', 'Dhoom 2', 'Gangster', 'Baahubali: The Beginning', 'My Name is Khan' and 'Kalank'.</li></ul>
<p><b>Uber Partners with AAI to Enhance Travel Experience at Kolkata Airport</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Uber and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) have joined forces to enhance the travel experience at the <b>Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International (NSCBI) airport in Kolkata</b>.</li><li>Through this collaboration, Uber has established dedicated <b>pickup zones at the arrival terminal for both domestic and international flights</b>.</li></ul> <p><b>Key points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The aim is to ensure a seamless journey from touchdown to destination for passengers, while also providing a hassle-free experience for Uber drivers.</li><li>The increasing air traffic at Kolkata Airport, with a 61 percent surge over the previous fiscal year, underscores the growing demand for smooth connectivity.</li></ul>



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## Daily Current Affairs Encyclopedia

### World Civil Defence Day



#### Context:

- **World Civil Defence Day** is an annual event observed on **March 1st** to raise awareness about the importance of civil defence and emergency preparedness.
- This day highlights the crucial role of civil defence organizations in protecting communities from natural disasters, conflicts, and other emergencies.
- It also encourages individuals to be prepared for various crises.
- It was established by the **International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO)** in **December 6, 1990**

#### Theme:

- The theme of World Civil Defense Day 2024 is **"Honor Heroes and Promote Safety Skills."**

### Zero Discrimination Day



#### Context:

- **Zero Discrimination Day**, observed annually on **March 1st**, is a global initiative to promote equality and combat discrimination in all its forms.
- **UNAIDS** launched its Zero Discrimination Campaign on 'World AIDS Day' in **December 2013**.
- The day was first celebrated on **March 1, 2014**,
- The day emphasizes everyone's right to live a dignified and fulfilling life free from prejudice and bias.
- This year marks the **10th anniversary** of Zero Discrimination Day

#### Theme:

- The Theme of **Zero Discrimination Day 2024** is **"To protect everyone's health, protect everyone's rights."**
- It emphasizes upon building an association with human rights and public health and achieving the goal of eliminating AIDS by 2030.

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